I am writing in response to NPRM 02-33 as a concerned citizen. My background is that of a computer and network security specialist.

Some people would like to think that the Internet is or should be a glorified TV. This could not be further from the truth. The Internet is a unique and vital communications medium. Although "content" can be delivered via the Internet, the Internet it is not a "content delivery system". It is a general purpose communications system. A systems that simultaneously allows 1-to-1, 1-to-many, and many-to-1, and many-to-many communcations.

Please do not confuse services provided over the Internet with access to the Internet. Any additional service (e.g. web hosting) one may get as a package deal with their ISP is trivial compared to the service provided by the world-wide Internet as a whole. Having one without the other is most definely a possibility. Just because they may at times be provided in a single package, does not imply that they are inseparable.

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